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FOR THERMOFORMABLE MATERIAL")

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Re: *RESPONSE*

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action dated September 15, 1998.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A thermoforming apparatus comprising:
a thermoforming machine [(10)] fitted with at least one female die [(12)]
and counter-die [(13)] reciprocally approachable and removable for the operations
of closing, thermoforming and opening;

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a feeder for feeding thermoforming material between each female die [(12)]
and counter-die [(13)]; cutting means for cutting thermoforming material; a
treatment station for articles (15) thermoformed];

extraction pick-up means [(16) withdrawing] adapted to withdraw a
thermoformed article from the female die and to transfer it to a receiving coveying
template [(12)], wherein said extraction pick-up means comprises a head (16)

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changed to be sequentially inserted between each female die (12) and counter-die

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